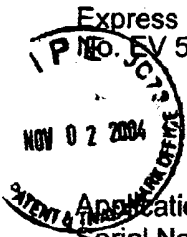


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For POLYMER BRUSHES FOR IMMOBILIZING MOLECULES TO A
SURFACE OR SUBSTRATE HAVING IMPROVED STABILITY

Examiner Mary Ceperley

November 2, 2004

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS**

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

In response to the Office action of October 6, 2004, wherein a Restriction was required under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 as between five (5) groups of claims, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group III (i.e., claims 49-69 and 102-110), and to cancel the claims of Group I, II, IV and V (i.e., claims 1-48 and 70-101) without prejudice. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims during the pendency of this application.

Furthermore, in response to the Election of Species requirement, Applicants hereby elect, to the extent necessary, the following for initial examination:

Species 1: The "substrate surface" is silica glass (see, e.g.,
page 74, lines 20-28).

CONCLUSION

Please charge any fees required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17 to Deposit Account
No. 19-1345.

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